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two-page report entitled "Soviet Naval Vessels in the Baltic." Three Soviet vessels were observed on 18 December 1959 in the Baltic. two of the vessels were RIGA-class escort destroyers and the third vessel presumably was a salvage tug of the PAMIR class.

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A unit consisting of three vessels was observed at position 5901 N - 1936 E at 1300 MET on 18 December 1959. The vessels ran on a southeasterly course in line ahead keeping a distance of 900 meters between each other and making about 15 knots. The first two units were naval vessels of identical type with continuous deck, a 10.5-cm gun on the forecastle behind a manger board and a second gun of the same caliber on a projecting part of the bridge. Above the bridge there was a big ball-shaped rangefinder. The vessels had a slanted stack between bridge and trellis mast. Then came a set of torpedo tubes and then another 10.5-cm gun on the quarter deck. Both vessels were about 100 meters long. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

The third vessel looked like a large salvage tug or icebreaker with the forecastle extending as far as the trailing edge of the bridge; then a continuous flush deck below and a large bridge superstructure, horseshoe-shaped in the front part, which, as deck erection, extended as far as the aft mast. The fore mast stood immediately at the trailing edge of the bridge, the single, streamlined stack about midships with a large life-boat at its trailing edge at portside. The aft mast had a derrick topped up sternwards with a carrying capacity of about five tons. Below this derrick, the drum of a very large winch was visible. 50X1-HUM

Comment. Judging from the description, the first-mentioned two vessels were escort destroyers of the RIGA Class while the third vessel presumably was a salvage tug of the PAMIR Class. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

The vessels are 72 meters long, 12.5 meters wide and have a draft of four meters. [redacted]

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